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IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY GDRS SUMMARY THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL HAS BEEN NOTED IN THE LAOS PANHANDLE, AND IN THE BINH TRAM 12 AREA OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. ALLIED AIR STRIKES HAVE HAD ADVERSE EFFECTS ON TRANSPORTATION AND MORALE. THE AUGUST TOTALS REMAIN AT 17 INFILTRATION AND 18 SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUPS. FOR LOCATIONS OF GDRS FACILITIES, SEE 2/00/VCJ/R47-72. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ A. NORTH VIETNAM GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS A DISCUSSION OF LANDLINE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE BINH TRAM (BT) 18 AREA OF OPERATIONS WAS CONTAINED IN A 19 AUGUST REPORT IN WHICH AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE STATED THAT AT 1600 (G) THE LANDLINE GOING BACK TO THE SWITCHBOARD AT PHU DIEN CHAU (WF 6299, 18-59N 105-35E) HAD BEEN COMPLETED. THE ASSOCIATE FURTHER REPORTED THAT WE\$ COULD NOT CONTACT THE BINH TRAM BECAUSE THE LANDLINE GOING BACK TO \$240\$ (UNLOCATED SWITCHBOARD, VINH AREA) HAD BEEN STRUCK BY THE ENEMY. ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS WERE REVEALED IN A 19 AUGUST REPORT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE OF THE AIR DEFENSE DIRECTORATZ OF THE GDRS FORWARD OPERATING IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE ASSOCIATE STATED THAT DURING THE WEEK TWO RAIDS OF \$147\$ (DRONES) FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE OF POSSIBLY 250 TO 300 METERS HAD RECONNOITERED THE AREA AT THE CROSSROADS OF ROUTES 1 AND 15, LONG DAI (XE 7416, 17-19N 106-38E), CHANH HOA (XE 6439, 17-32N 106-33E), DONG HOI (XE 7333, 17-29N 106-38E), TAY TRACH (UNLOCATED VICINITY OF DONG HOI), VAN TRACH (WF 7470, 18-43N 105-52E), THU LUC (UNLOCATED PROBABLY IN THE DONG HOI AREA) AND PHU QUY (XE 6133, 17-29N 106-31E). ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. MILITARY REGION 559 1. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS ALLIED AIR OPERATIONS IN THE BT 12 AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM ARE HAMPERING TRANSPORTATION, DEMORALIZING TROOPS AND CIVILIANS WORKERS, AND FORCING SOME REALIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL ACCORDING TO 20 AND 21 JULY REPORTS BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF BT 12. THE MORAL OF SOME TROOPS AND CIVILIAN WORKERS IS BEING BADLY SHAKEN BY ALLIED AIR STRIKES AND \$ESPECIALY CIVILIAN WORKERS ARE FRIGHTENED, HAVE BECOME SERIOUSLY ILL, AND ARE UNABLE TO PERFORM THEIR TRANSPORTATION JOBS.\$ AS A DIRECT RESULT, TRANSPOR- TATION OBJECTIVES WERE NOT BEING ATTAINED IN SOME CASES. THE SAME REPORT DISCLOSED THAT A SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE WAS SLOWING DOWN BOAT TRANSPORTATION. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, ANOTHER REPORT BETWEEN THE SAME ELEMENTS OF BT 12 INDICATED THAT REALIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL WITHIN THE 166TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION WAS UNDER WAY AND THAT CASUALTIES HAD RESULTED FROM THE ALLIED AIR STRIKES. THE 24TH AAA BATTALION OF THE 591ST AAA REGIMENT REPORTED THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN A7 ON 21 AUGUST. THE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HIT IN THE RIGHT WING WHEN IT FLEW OFF TO THE NORTHEAST AND WENT DOWN IN AN AREA 12 TO 16 KILOMETERS FROM DONG ONG DO (YD

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2840 16-38N 107-08E). (24 [] VCJ/T2613-72, 220355Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. PERSONNEL
MOVEMENTS THE PROJECTED NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF 500 PERSONNEL WAS DISCLOSED IN A
22 AUGUST REPORT FROM COMMO-LIAISON STATION (T)-9 TO THE 7TH COMMO-LIAISON
BATTALION BT 14. THE PERSONNEL WHO WERE NOT IDENTIFIED WERE SCHEDULED TO MOVE
THROUGH T-9 FROM PROBABLY BT 32 ON 23 AND 24 AUGUST. IN ADDITION, 80 PERSONNEL
HAD ALREADY BEEN DISPATCHED NORTHWARD FROM BT'S 9 AND 32. EARLIER ON 17 AUGUST,
T-9 REPORTED THE NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF 23 PERSONNEL. XXHH 900 #3965 NNNN

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